Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

The Gathering

Prelude

All gather outside at the front steps. The following dialogue is repeated three times. From now until the assembly is seated you may wave your palms in the air.

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
C: Hosanna in the highest.

(Outside) Processional Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

Entrance into the final days.

P: The Holy Gospel according to M**ark**.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus enters Jerusalem
[1]When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the
Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples [2]and said to them, "Go into the
village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt
that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. [3]If anyone says to you, 'Why are
you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here
immediately.' " [4]They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the
street. As they were untying it, [5]some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you
doing, untying the colt?" [6]They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed
them to take it. [7]Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it;
and he sat on it. [8]Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread
leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. [9]Then those who went ahead and
those who followed were shouting,
"Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
[10]Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

[11]Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

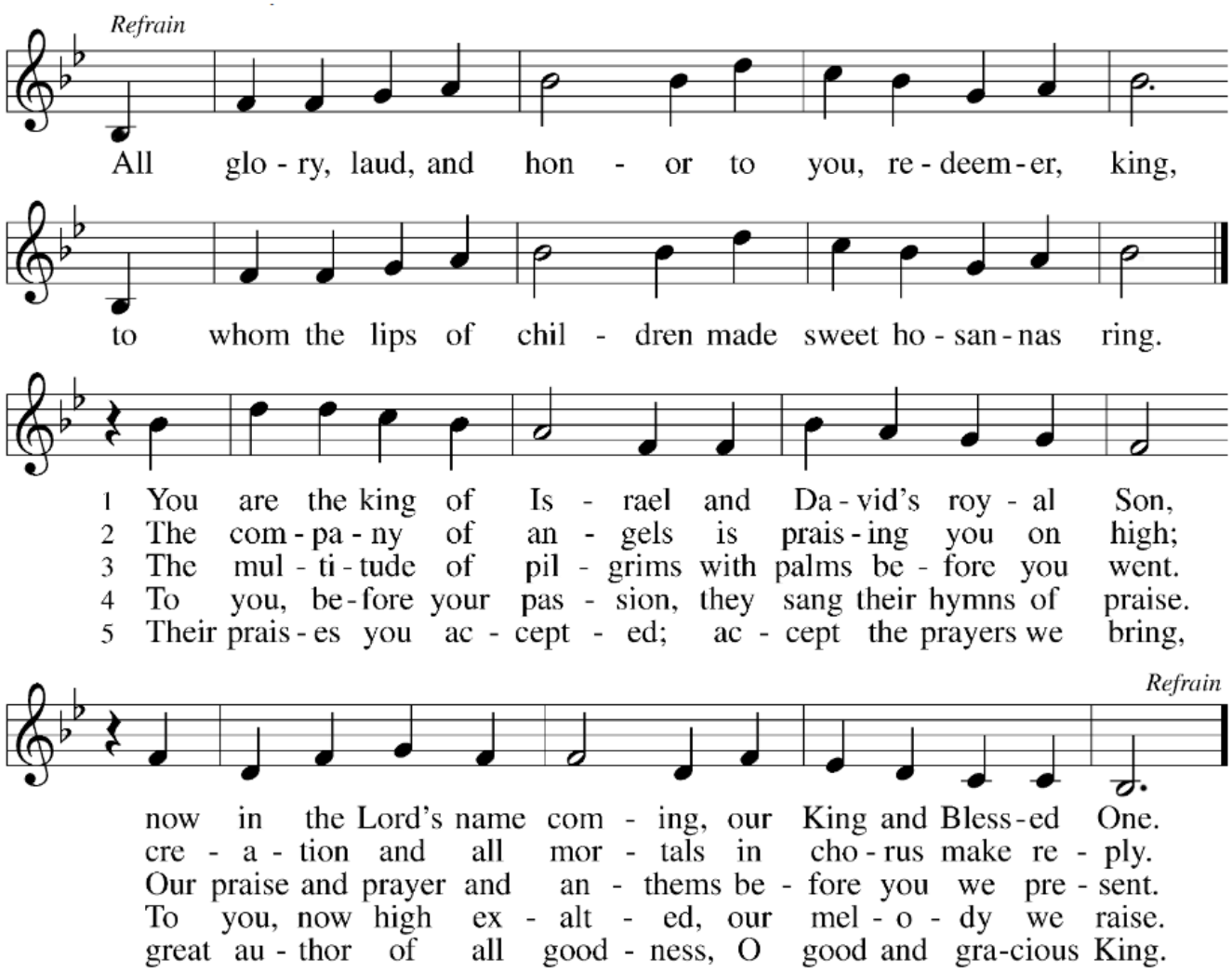
(Outside) Blessing of the Palms

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.
We praise you, O God,
For redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city in triumph
And was proclaimed messiah and king
By those who spread garments and branches along his way.
Bless these branches and those who carry them.
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,
So that, joined to his death and resurrection,
We enter into life with you;
Through the same Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace,
C: in the name of Christ. Amen.

Processional Hymn - *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*


Refrain
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.
1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went.
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,
Refrain
now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra-cious King.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Word

First Reading – Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

A: A reading from **Isaiah.**

4 The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.
5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
6 I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.
7 The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
8 he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.
9a It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

P: [9]Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
C: [10]For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
P: [11]I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.
C: [12]Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.
P: [13]For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.
C: [14]But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.
P: [15]My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
C: [16]Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

Second Reading – Philippians 2:5-11

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

A: A reading from **Philippians**.

[5]Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
[6]who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
[7]but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, [8]he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

[9]Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name,
[10]so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
[11]and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel: Mark 14:1 - 15:47

The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.

P: The Gospel according to **Mark**.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[1]It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; [2]for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

[3]While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. [4]But some were there who said

to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? [5]For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. [6]But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. [7]For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. [8]She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. [9]Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

[10]Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. [11]When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

[12]On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" [13]So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, [14]and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' [15]He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." [16]So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

[17]When it was evening, he came with the twelve. [18]And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." [19]They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" [20]He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. [21]For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

[22]While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." [23]Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. [24]He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. [25]Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

[26]When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. [27]And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd,

and the sheep will be scattered.'
[28]But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." [29]Peter said to him, "Even
though all become deserters, I will not." [30]Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this
day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three
times." [31]But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny
you." And all of them said the same.

[32]They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here
while I pray." [33]He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be
distressed and agitated. [34]And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death;
remain here, and keep awake." [35]And going a little farther, he threw himself on the
ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. [36]He said,
"Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not
what I want, but what you want." [37]He came and found them sleeping; and he said
to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? [38]Keep awake
and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing,
but the flesh is weak." [39]And again he went away and prayed, saying the same
words. [40]And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very
heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. [41]He came a third time and said to
them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the
Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. [42]Get up, let us be going. See, my
betrayer is at hand."

[43]Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and
with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the
scribes, and the elders. [44]Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I
will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." [45]So when he came,
he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. [46]Then they laid
hands on him and arrested him. [47]But one of those who stood near drew his sword
and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. [48]Then Jesus said to them,
"Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a
bandit? [49]Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest
me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." [50]All of them deserted him and fled.

[51]A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth.
They caught hold of him, [52]but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

[53]They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the
scribes were assembled. [54]Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the

courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. [55]Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. [56]For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. [57]Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, [58]"We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.' " [59]But even on this point their testimony did not agree. [60]Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" [61]But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" [62]Jesus said, "I am; and

'you will see the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of the Power,'
and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.' "

[63]Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? [64]You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. [65]Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

[66]While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. [67]When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." [68]But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. [69]And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." [70]But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." [71]But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." [72]At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

[15:1]As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. [2]Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." [3]Then the chief priests accused him of many things. [4]Pilate asked

him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” [5]But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

[6]Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. [7]Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. [8]So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. [9]Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” [10]For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. [11]But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. [12]Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” [13]They shouted back, “Crucify him!” [14]Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” [15]So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

[16]Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. [17]And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. [18]And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” [19]They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. [20]After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

[21]They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. [22]Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). [23]And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. [24]And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

[25]It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. [26]The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” [27]And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. [29]Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, [30]save yourself, and come down from the cross!” [31]In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. [32]Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

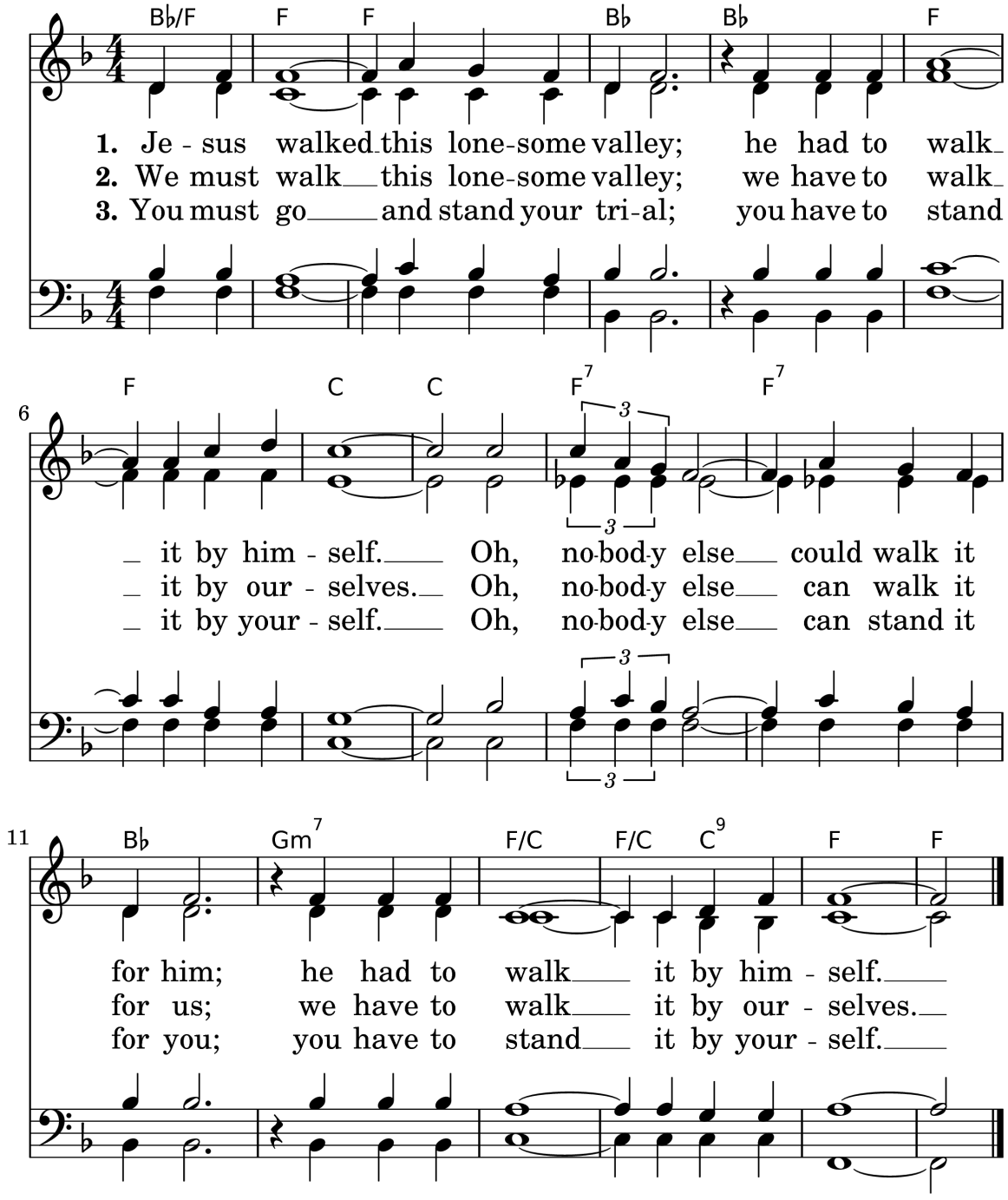
[33]When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the
afternoon. [34]At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema
sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken
me?" [35]When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for
Elijah." [36]And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and
gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take
him down." [37]Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. [38]And the curtain of
the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. [39]Now when the centurion, who
stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man
was God's Son!"

[40]There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary
Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and
Salome. [41]These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee;
and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

[42]When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the
day before the sabbath, [43]Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council,
who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to
Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. [44]Then Pilate wondered if he were already
dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for
some time. [45]When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the
body to Joseph. [46]Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body,
wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the
rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. [47]Mary Magdalene and
Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day – *"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"*


B♭/F F F B♭ B♭ F
1. Je - sus walked this lone-some valley; he had to walk
2. We must walk this lone-some valley; we have to walk
3. You must go and stand your tri-al; you have to stand
F C C F7 F7
it by him - self. Oh, no-bod-y else could walk it
it by our - selves. Oh, no-bod-y else can walk it
it by your - self. Oh, no-bod-y else can stand it
B♭ Gm7 F/C F/C C9 F F
for him; he had to walk it by him - self.
for us; we have to walk it by our - selves.
for you; you have to stand it by your - self.

Congregation: Unison

The Faith We Sing 2112
WORDS: American folk hymn
MUSIC (LONESOME VALLEY 88.10 8): American folk hymn

Nicene Creed

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

A: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

A: Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

A: Establish peace and justice among the nations, the Middle East; Western, Central, and Eastern Africa; Southeast Asia, Central and Southern America, and Haiti. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

A: Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

A: Give energy and joy to our pastor and musicians.
Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. We give thanks for the courage of Oscar Arnulfo Romero, bishop and martyr, whom we commemorate today.
C: Your mercy is great.

A: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

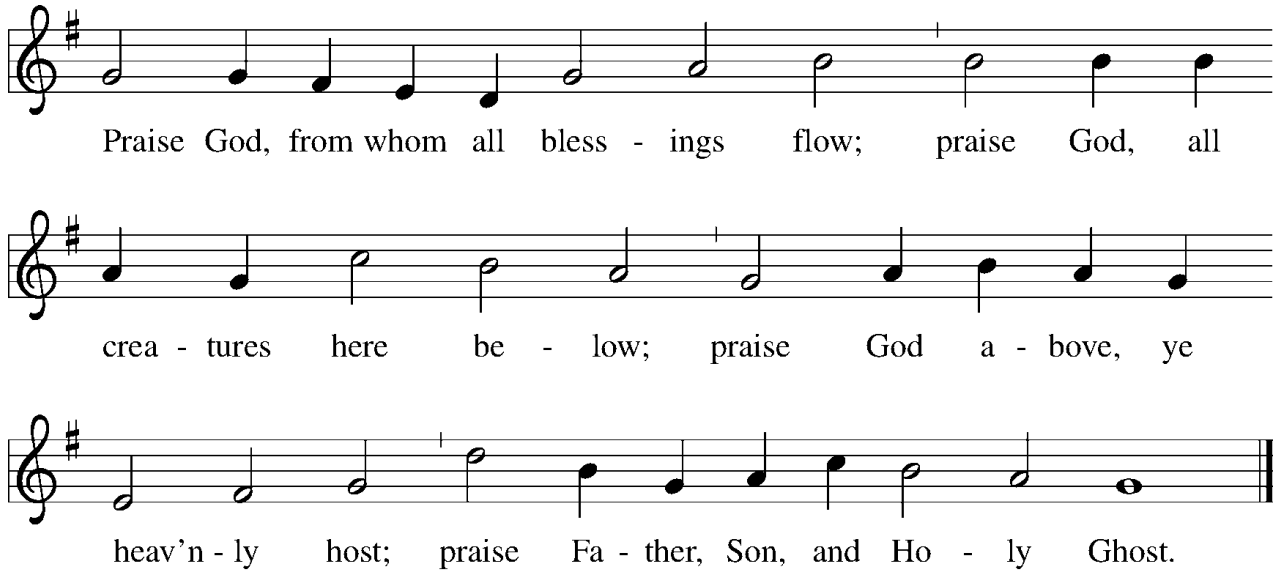
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The Meal

Offering

Offering Hymn – *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the bread of life
and the host of this meal.
Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.
Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.
We pray this in your name.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

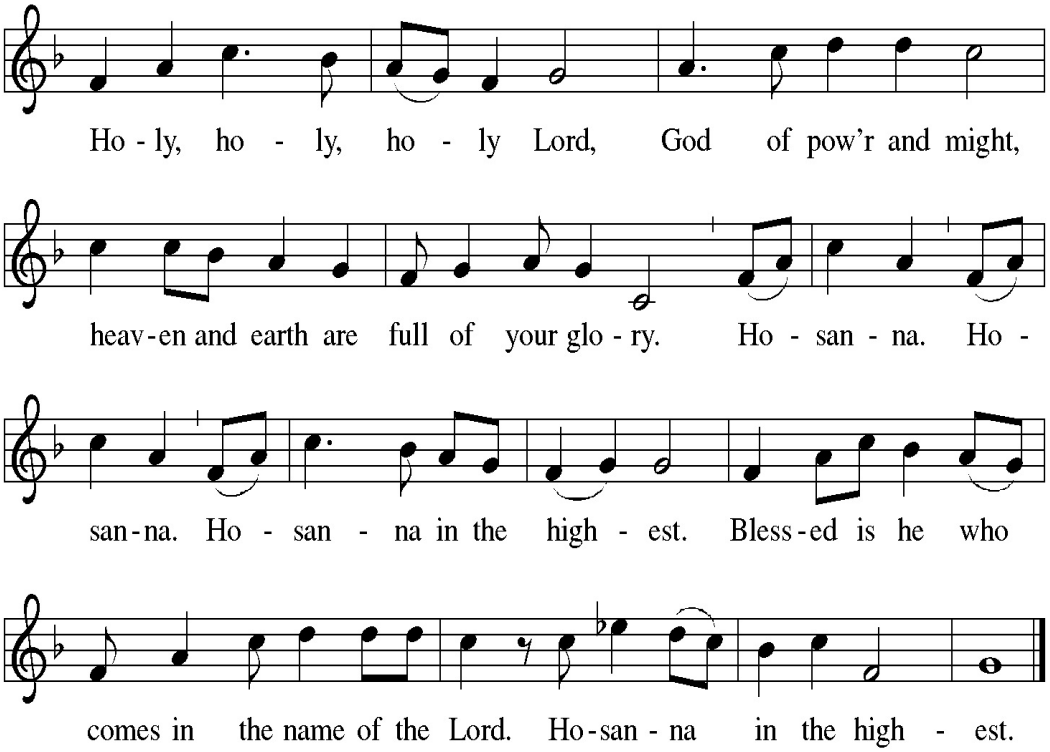
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

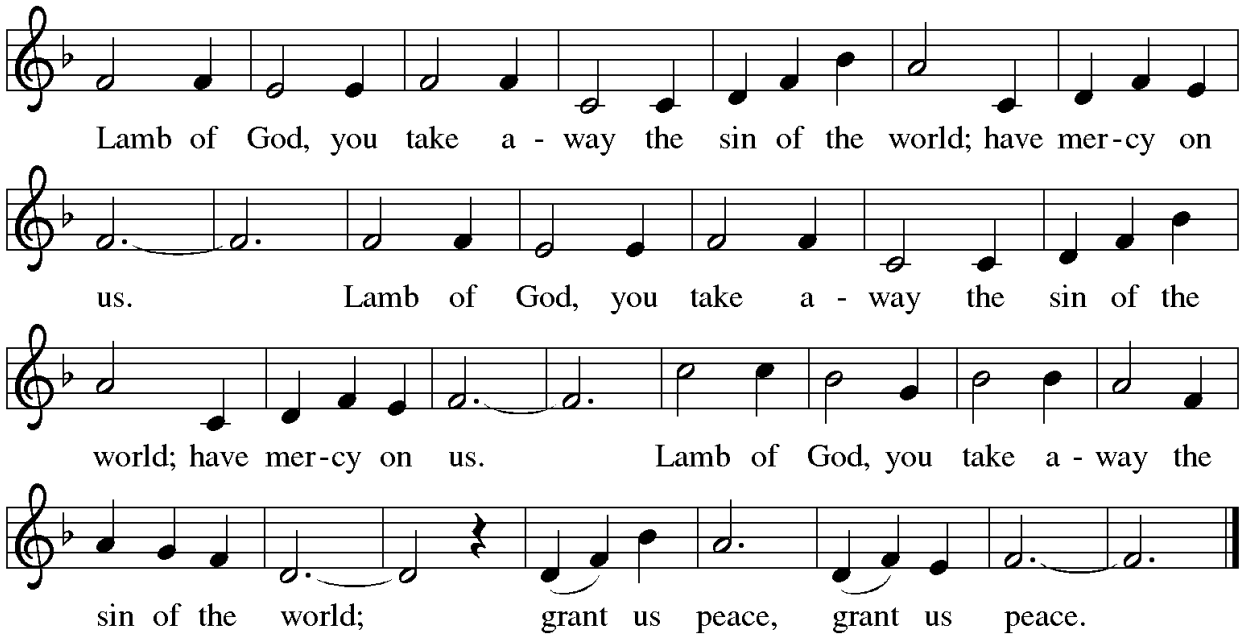
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

Lamb of God Canticle

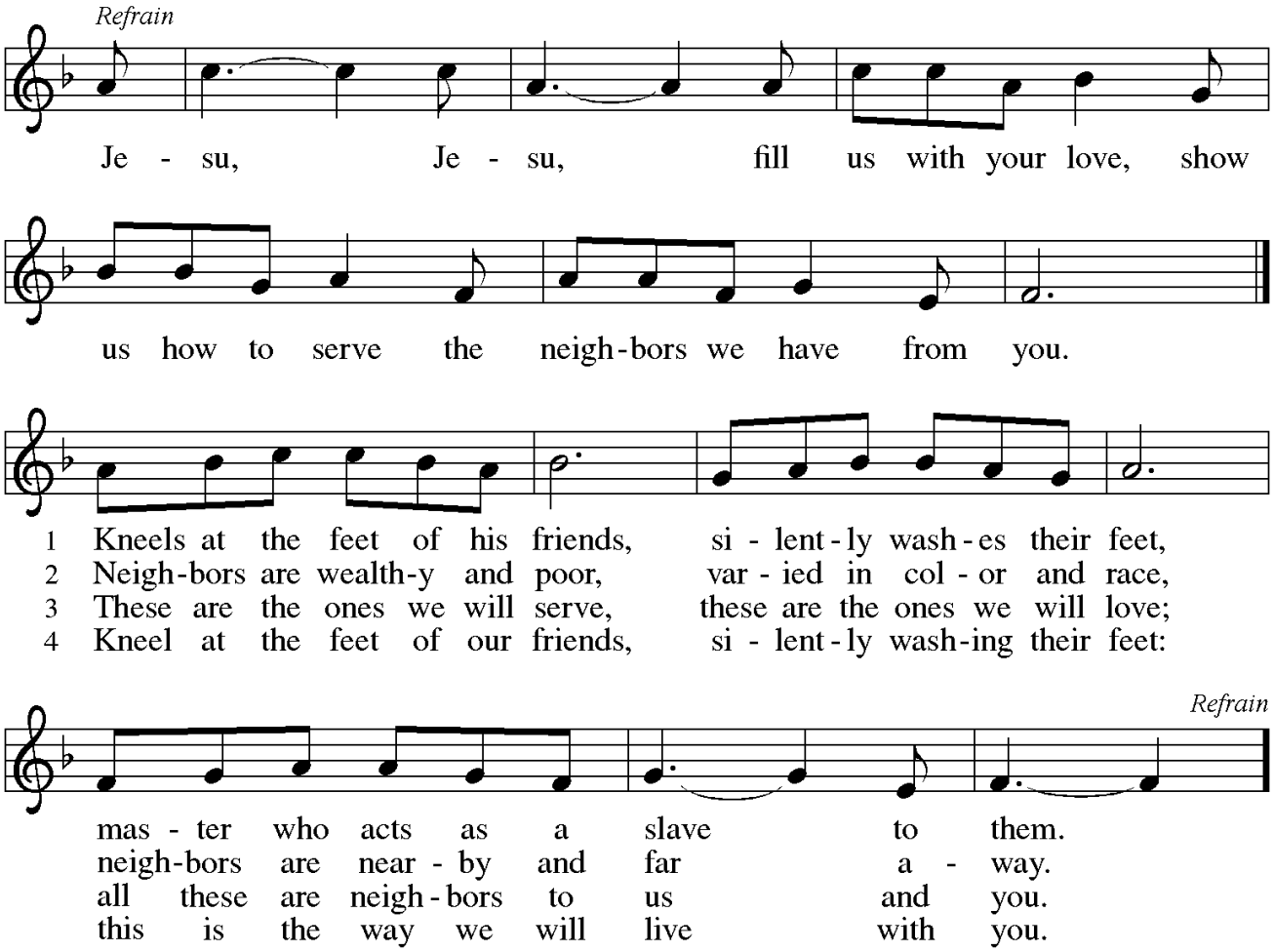

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
Music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

Communion

Communion Music *"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"*
Emmanuel Handbell Choir arr. by Larry Sue

Communion Hymn – *"Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love"*


Refrain
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.
1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:
Refrain
mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.
Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin
Text and music © 1969 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

Prayer After Communion

The assisting minister leads one of the following or a similar prayer after communion.

A: Let us pray.

Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

Announcements

The Sending

Blessing

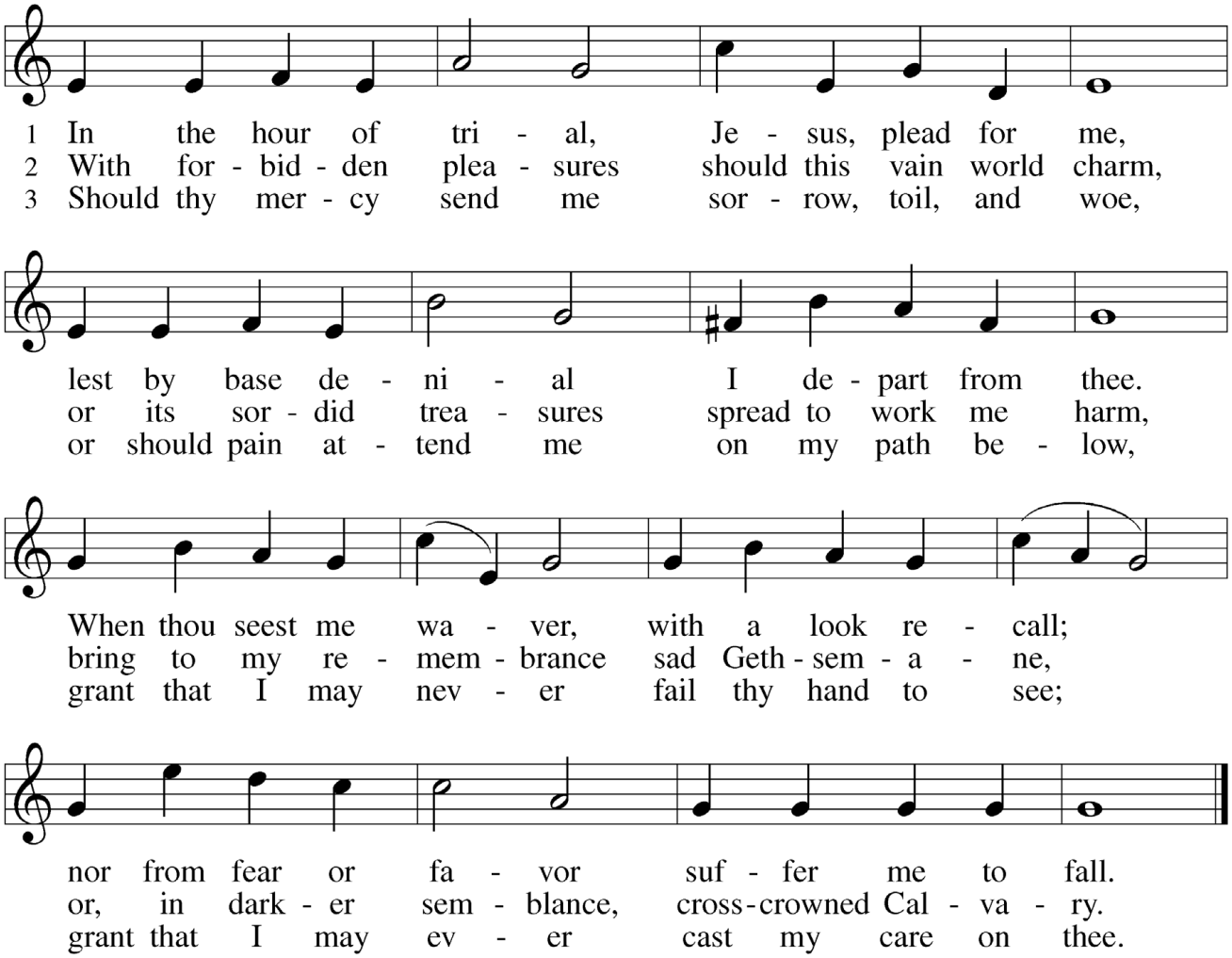
The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

P: Beloved,

we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn – *"In the Hour of Trial"*


1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me,
lest by base de - ni - al I de - part from thee.
When thou seest me wa - ver, with a look re - call;
nor from fear or fa - vor suf - fer me to fall.
2 With for - bid - den plea - sures should this vain world charm,
or its sor - did trea - sures spread to work me harm,
bring to my re - mem - brance sad Geth - sem - a - ne,
or, in dark - er sem - blance, cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.
3 Should thy mer - cy send me sor - row, toil, and woe,
or should pain at - tend me on my path be - low,
grant that I may nev - er fail thy hand to see;
grant that I may ev - er cast my care on thee.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854
Music: PENITENCE, Spencer Lane, 1843–1903

Dismissal

The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.

A: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, if this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex.
*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!

Please remember to wear your Name Tag
It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

Home Visitation
Pastor Joshua and Linda Wilber continue to make home visits, if you or someone you know from Emmanuel would like a home visit, please contact the office.

The Stations of the Cross
You're welcome to journey through the stations of the cross over this Lenten season. Starting on the right side of the Sanctuary, the fourteen stations travel with Jesus through the passion story. Informational pamphlets are located on the podium in the narthex.

Holy Week Services
Join us for Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday (3/28), Good Friday (3/29), and Easter Vigil (3/30) services will be held at 7:00pm and Easter Sunday (3/31) at 10:00am.

Thursday Bible Study Class
Classes are postponed until April 4th. Pastor Joshua will be leading a Bible Study in the Lounge on Thursdays from 12:30pm - 2:00pm. All are welcome!

Confirmation Spring 2024
Confirmation for kids grades 6-8. Alexa Lokensgard has graciously agreed to continue classes through May. The class will meet **April 7th and April 28th from 11:30am-1:30pm**. If you have any questions, please contact Alexa.

Let's Go Out to Eat!
You're welcome the Membership Committee for a meal and conversation on **Tuesday, April 16th at 5pm at Aubree's in Depot Town - located at 39 E. Cross St. Ypsilanti, MI 48198.** This is simply a social event meant for people to get to know each other better. Invite a friend who isn't a member at Emmanuel, they're more than welcome!

From the Membership Committee: Cards for Shut-ins
Please take a minute and send our 'At Home' Friends an Easter card, and/or a note card to say "Thinking of You"

Cora Hubbard, 23395 Karr Rd., Belleville. Mi. 48111

Chuck & Louise Conklin, 1301 Duncan St., Ypsilanti, Mi. 48198

Barb Maes, 923 Sheridan St., Ypsilanti, Mi. 48197

Barb Miller, 5341 McAuley Dr., #310, Ypsilanti, Mi. 48197

Don Farquharson, Gilbert Residence, 203 S. Huron St., #115D, Ypsilanti, Mi. 48198

Mary Price, 5341 McAuley Dr. #312, Ypsilanti, Mi. 48197

Food Pantry Needs
The Food Pantry still has an ongoing need for boxes to pack with canned goods. Any box 12 inch x 12 inch x 12 inch but not bigger than 16 inch x 16 inch x 16 inch is used. Shoe boxes are too small. The food pantry boxes need to hold at least 12 cans of food, a box of raisins, 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese, a bag of rice, a bag of cereal and a box of pasta. Boxes can be set near the Food Pantry shelves in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

Would you like to reward your Emmanuel community?
You can now register Emmanuel as your designation for Kroger community rewards points ($). In your Kroger.com account, click on "MY ACCOUNT" and the bottom pick in the left menu is Community Rewards, where you can search for Emmanuel Lutheran Church or TG750 and then click ENROLL. Thank you!

Ways to Give

Giving can be done online by clicking here. You can also give via text at 734-548-9438. Simply text the amount you would like to give and follow the prompts. You can mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

PayPal - Select payment type as "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate if for a special account (flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.

New Giving Mobile App - Download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

This Week at Emmanuel

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- **COUNCIL MEETING**
- Bethel Service 12:00pm
- Shelter Association 7:00pm – 8:00am

Tuesday, March 26

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am
- Food Delivery 1:00pm

Wednesday, March 27

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 3:45pm

Thursday, March 28 – Maunday Thursday

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 3:45pm
- **Maunday Thursday Service 7:00pm**
- YCC Rehearsal 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- **Good Friday Service 7:00pm**
- Shelter Association 7:00pm – 8:00am

Saturday, March 30 – Vigil of Easter

- Women Do Recover 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- **Easter Vigil Service 7:00pm**
- Shelter Association 7:00pm – 8:00am

Sunday, March 31 – Easter

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Bethel Service 12:00pm
- Shelter Association 7:00pm – 8:00am

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Devon Stevens.
Given by Marilynn Stevens

Prayers requested for: Chuck, Dan, Judy, Jalen, Don, Barb, Justin, Coralie, Lynn and Joe.

Worship Service Volunteers needed!
Assisting Ministers –
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044BADAB2FA2FE3-assisting
Altar Flower Sign up -
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044BADAB2FA2FE3-altar
or sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office (734-482-7121).

Links:
Livestream Worship - https://www.youtube.com/@emmanuelypsi
Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
Medical Loan closet – MedicalLoan@emmanuelypsi.org
Food Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

SERVING IN WORSHIP:
Interim Pastor..... Rev. Joshua Rinas
Minister of Worship Music..... David Meitzler
Minister of Choral Conducting..... Jamie Gallupe
Assisting Minister ..... Monica Doerr

[Copyrighted element(s).] [Copyright notice]. Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress under license #SBL145 and One License #A-714239

You are Welcome to connect to our Wi-Fi Network – Emmanuel Guests
Contact us at info@emmanuelypsi.org Visit us at www.EmmanuelYpsi.org
Or call us at 734-482-7121 Or @emmanuelypsi on Facebook